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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AOKI ET AL.

Examiner

Yogesh K. Aggarwal

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-13, 15-17 and 21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 14 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7, 14 and 18-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7, 14 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shiota et al. (US Patent # 6,625,334).

[Claims 1, 6, 18]

Shiota teaches a data communication terminal (figure 1, digital camera 1) which sends data to a server (PC 3 or image server 6), comprising

a designating part of designating an original file having an original file name and data contents (col. 5 lines 8-38);

a filename giving part for generating a new file obtained by copying said data contents of said original file and giving a new file name which is different from said original file name (col. 5 lines 40-64 teach that if a file with a same name exists, the file to be transferred is copied temporarily and a new identifying number is given to the file to be transferred in order to distinguish the file names); and

a sending part for sending said new file with the new file name to said server (e.g. as described above the file with new name is transferred to the PC or server),

wherein the new file name has a characteristic part indicating that said new file is subjected to file-sending (col. 5 lines 54-64 teach that if ten image files with identifying numbers

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001 to 010 exist, a following image file has a file name “flower0403011” with 011 being the new identifying number. The identifying numbers 001 to 011 and so on are used to identify different files that are being sent to the PC or server and therefore clearly represent a characteristic part that indicates that said new file is subjected to file-sending).

[Claims 2 and 19]

The new file has a common part with the old file name as “flower0403” (col. 5 lines 40-64).

[Claims 3 and 4]

The identifying part has a number part (001 to 011) that is updated and increased as each file is transferred from camera to a PC.

[Claim 5]

Shiota teaches that the identifying number is also expressed as a seven digit number comprising a 4-digit reception number and a 3-digit serial number so that files from a memory card are identified as “flower04030000001” to “flower04030000010” (col. 6 lines 7-27). Therefore a plurality of images are allowed for single-file sending operation having a characteristic part (4-digit reception number) common among respective file names.

[Claims 7 and 20]

Shiota teaches wherein each photographed original image file is named according to a predetermined rule (e.g. based on title of the recording property information like flower and date of recording like April 3 will be 0403, col. 5 lines 8-26).

[Claim 14]

Computer program storing claim 14 corresponds to apparatus claim 1 and 18 and is therefore

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analyzed and rejected the same as previously discussed with respect to apparatus claims 1 and 18 respectively.

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yogesh K. Aggarwal whose telephone number is (571) 272-7360. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00AM-5:30PM.


4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571)-272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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